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SCRUTINY AND SUMMARY OF INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether completion of scrutiny and summary of income tax assessments was sharply lower in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 as compared to 1997-98;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether total assessments of these financial years, were 46.41 per cent, 52.4 per cent and 60 per cent respectively of the total due for disposal as compared to 81.35 per cent in 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes.

(b): The Income Tax Department under took a large scale computerisation programme and main emphasis during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was given to allotment of Permanent Account Number to all the assessees and as such the disposal of both scrutiny as well as summary cases came down during the above said period.

(c): Yes.

(d): The process of disposal of pending cases is underway as per the time limit prescribed in the Income Tax Act, 1961, and the rate of disposal of such assessment is likely to improve further.